

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching a fibrous coating to a substrate comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate;

coating a first side of the substrate with a fibrous coating; and

forcing at least one fiber through an opening in the substrate,

wherein the fibrous coating includes fibers formed from one or more polyolefins, polyethylene, polypropylene, linear poly(ethylenimine), cellulose acetate, grafted cellulosics, poly(L-lactic acid), poly(caprolactone), poly(ethyleneoxide), poly(hydroxyethylmethacrylate), poly(glycolic acid) or polyvinylpyrrolidone,

wherein the step of forcing at least a portion of the fibrous coating through ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening in the substrate is performed by pulling a substantially needle-like object through ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening in the substrate, wherein a portion of the fibrous coating is pulled through ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening by the needle-like object.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching a fibrous coating to a substrate comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate:

coating a first side of the substrate with a fibrous coating; and

forcing at least one fiber through an opening in the substrate,

wherein the fibrous coating includes fibers formed from one or more polyolefins, polyethylene, polypropylene, linear poly(ethylenimine), cellulose acetate, grafted cellulosics,

poly(L-lactic acid), poly(caprolactone), poly(ethyleneoxide), poly(hydroxyethylmethacrylate), poly(glycolic acid) or polyvinylpyrrolidone,

wherein the step of forcing at least a portion of the fibrous coating through ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening in the substrate is achieved by performing the additional steps of:

inserting a portion of at least one substantially needle-like object through ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening;

attaching at least one nanofiber to the substantially needle-like object; and

withdrawing the substantially needle-like object from ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening so that the at least one nanofiber is pulled through ~~the at least one hole~~ said opening.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching a fibrous coating to a substrate comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate:

coating a first side of the substrate with a fibrous coating; and

forcing at least one fiber through an opening in the substrate,

wherein the fibrous coating includes fibers formed from one or more polyolefins, polyethylene, polypropylene, linear poly(ethylenimine), cellulose acetate, grafted cellulosics, poly(L-lactic acid), poly(caprolactone), poly(ethyleneoxide), poly(hydroxyethylmethacrylate), poly(glycolic acid) or polyvinylpyrrolidone[[,]];

applying a positively-charged fibrous coating to a first side of the substrate; and

applying a negatively-charged fibrous coating to a second side of the substrate.

29-34. (Cancelled)